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TAGS: EINV, INCO, HO

SUBJECT: EXPROPRIATION OF LANDS BELONGING TO U.S. COMPANIES

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 4604

1. SUMMARY: THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, IN AN OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE, STATED THAT THE INSTITUTO NACIONAL AGRARIO (INA) HAS ISSUED NOTIFICATION OF EXPROPRIATION FOR A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 79 THOUSAND HECTARES. OF THIS AMOUNT 23,590 WERE LANDS BELONGING TO THE TELA RAILROAD COMPANY (UNITED BRANDS) AND 32,507 HECTARES BELONGING TO STANDARD FRUIT (CASTLE AND COOKE) END SUMMARY.

2. THE EMBASSY IS SEEKING CONFIRMATION WITH THE TWO U.S. COMPANIES AND DETAILS CONCERNING THE PROCEDURES UNDERTAKEN BY INA.

3. IT APPEARS THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT PREPARED BY INA MAY HAVE BEEN GENERATED DUE TO THE REPLACEMENT OF LT. COL. MARIO MALDONADO AS HEAD OF INA AND IN POLITICAL RESPONSE TO CAMPESINO ORGANIZATION PRESSURES FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION. SANCHEZ

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